Bench of Settlement Commission (Income Tax and Wealth Tax) can authorise the Vice-chairman or other Members appointed to the Bench to discharge functions of Vice-chairman or, as the case may be, other Member of another Bench; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) whether under these provisions, Vice-chairman of one Bench can be authorised to discharge functions of a Member of another Bench?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Concessional Loans from IMF to Retire Debts

3796. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to evolve a strategy to retire a part of its debts with the help of concessional loans from the I.M.F. under its Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility (ESAF);

(b) the total amount of foreign debt as on 1st February, 1993; and

(c) the amount of non-concessional component in this loan burden?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Government is desirous of retiring high cost debt and for the present has decided to pre-pay the outstanding to IMF due for 1994-95 out of its own foreign exchange reserves. As regards concessional assistance from the IMF under ESAF at a future date, a view will be taken depending on our external payment position.

(b) and (c) Accounts of the Government are maintained on financial year basis. Therefore, information as on 31-3-94 as published in Economic Survey 1993-94 is given below:

	Rupees in crores	U. S. S. Million
(a) Multilateral		
(i) Concessional	48206	15503
(ii) Non-concessional	29552	9505
(b) Bilateral		
(i) Concessional	43463	13978
(ii) Non-concessional	6795	2176
(c) IMF	14985	4799
(d) Export Credit	13484	4322
(e) Commercial Borrowing	36251	11606
(f) NRI and F(B&O) Deposits	35265	11238
(g) Rupee Debt	33149	10616
(h) Short-term Debt	19827	6347
TOTAL	280977	90090

Weeding Out Corrupt Staff in Banks

3797. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a process has been initiated to weed out the corrupt staff in banks under a scheme for reorganisation of the banks;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V.

CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Expansion of Doordarshan Network in Assam

3798. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to answer to Unstarred Question 922 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 1994 and state whether any new TV centre would be opened in Assam during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): An HPT is envisaged to be set up at Tezpur subject to the sanctioning of scheme. In addition to a VLPT at Digboi, 7 LPTs one each at Bongaigaon, Haflong, North Lakhimpur, Sonari, Lumding, Hojai and Tinsukia are at present under implementation in Assam. All of the 7 LPTs and VLPT Digboi under implementation are scheduled for commissioning during the year 1994-95, subject to availability of infrastructural and timely supply of equipments.

रायपुर और छत्तीसगढ़ में उच्च-शक्ति वाले ट्रांसमीटर की स्थापना

3799. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार रायपुर और छत्तीसगढ़ जिलों में विभिन्न स्थानों पर उच्च शक्ति वाले टेलीविजन ट्रांसमीटर स्थापित करने का विचार रखती हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस समय ऐसे कितने प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन हैं ;

(ग) रायपुर जिले में किन-किन स्थानों पर टेलीविजन ट्रांसमीटर स्थापित किए जाने का विचार है और इनको स्थापित करने पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च होने की सम्भावना है ; और

(घ) ये ट्रांसमीटर कब से कार्य करना आरम्भ कर देंगे ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) और (ख) रायपुर में 10 किलोवाट का एक उच्च शक्ति ट्रांसमीटर पहले से ही कार्यशील है । छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र के अम्बिकापुर (जिला सरगुजा) में 10 किलोवाट का एक उच्च शक्ति ट्रांसमीटर स्थापित किए जाने की भी परिकल्पना है ।

(ग) वर्तमान में, रायपुर जिले के किसी अन्य स्थान पर ट्रांसमीटर स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Showing of Blue Films in Tiruchi

3800. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report published in the 'Indian Express' dated 6th February, 1994 to the effect that a theatre in Tiruchi has been regularly showing scenes of the blue films during its regular shows;

(b) if so, what action has been or is being taken against the theatre and its owners; and

(c) if no action has been/is being taken the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government have seen the news item.

(b) and (c) The news item refers to screening of bits of blue film alongwith the certified film. It is an offence under the Cinematograph Act, 1952. The responsibility for enforcing the provisions of this Act rests with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The attention of the Government of Tamil Nadu has been drawn to the news item for appropriate action.

Media Baron's Plans for Projection of Indian Cultural Ethos

3801. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Media Baron has apprised of his media plans to the Prime Minister during his meeting with the latter;

(b) if so, the details of such plans;

(c) whether he has assured for projection and interpretation of Indian cultural ethos in the world correctly;

(d) if so, the details thereof;